

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend page 10, paragraph 0038, as follows:

[038] In one embodiment, the gateways 1500-1520 and the tunnels 1185, 1190 may form a virtual private network, where each tunnel is enabled by a network operations center 1200~~(not shown)~~. The network operation center 1200 may also detect the address conflict when the network operations center 1200 enables the establishment of tunnels 1185, 1190. The network operations center 1200 may then notify a gateway about the address conflict.